A MEETING

An Address Delivered in Petersburg by Commissioner Geo. W. Koiner.

BIG DREDGE IS INSPECTED

It is Satisfactory to the Government-Stolen Money Recovered by an Officer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 14.—The farmers' institute, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture convened in the Corporation Court room to-day, about fifty farmers being present. The institute was called to order by Gen-eral Stith Bolling, and Charles Smith

ral Stith Bolling, and Charles Smith was chosen to preside.

C. W. Koiner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, delivered an able address on "Improvement of the Soil" and the economical use of fertilizer.

"An instructive talk on "How to plant and care for fruit trees, and how to destroy, their insect enemies and diseases," was made by Profesor Heiger, manager of the State farm in Charlotte county, B. F. Banks, of Harrisburg, Pa., apoke on "Stock raising and how to feed for best results."

A monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association, of Petersburg and Ettrick, was held yesterday in Etrick. The reports submitted showed an enrollment of 932 scholars, with an attendance of 758.

DREDGE SATISFACTORY. DREDGE SATISFACTORY.

The sea-going steamer suction dredge "Gengral Abbott," built for the government by the Petersburg Iron Works, was this alternoon inspected at the ship-yard on Swan's Island, by, a government official. The dredge is one of the largest in the service, and the inspection to-day was highly satisfactory to the huilden. was highly satisfactory to the builders was highly satisfactory to the builders and representatives of the government. A number of invited guests, including the members of the City Council, the press and Messrs. Brockenborough and Garber, of Richmond, accompanied the inspectors The vessel will leave this week for Charleston, S. C.

Roy. Ell Tott, of Boston, at present supplying the pulif. for a white congressioning the pulif. for a white congression.

Rev. Ell Tott, of Boston, at present supplying the pulpit for a white congregation in Plainfield, N. J., has accepted a call to the Petersburg First Baptist Church, colored.

Miss Annie Sue Laffon, of this city, will be married Wednesday to Emmett Hawks, of Ettrick.

Ten negroes were convicted in the Mayor's Court to-day of shooting crap in the principal part of the city.

Next Monday night a championship pool game is to be played here between De' Ora, the Cuban, and Sherman, of Washington, a pair of noted players.

C. E. Nunnally, of the Petersburg Grays, who has enlisted in the United States regulars, has left for Columbus C.

Captain John Trusheim received painfu

Captain John Trusheim received painful injuries to his hip a fe wdays ago, and has since been confined to his bed. There are 'many westerners' in thately this week looking around with a view to locating in this section.

Mateline Willie Conti, the little daughter of Lewis E. Conti, of this city, formerly of Richmond, has been critically ill with pneumonia, Her physician, Dr. R. A. Gamble, to-night reports her condition as much improved. dition as much improved.

Holmes Boisseau, a well known citizen of High Street, is critically ill at his home as the result of a paralytic stroke, which he suffered Sunday.

STOLEN MONEY RECOVERED. Forty dollars of the money recently stolen by the negro John Carr, from a colored countryman in this city, were recovered yesterday in Pocahontas, by an officer, his is in addition to the \$35 previously recovered. Carr is in jail await-

ing trial.

J. S. Williamson, the young country-

this city, has not recovered any part of the money.

City taxes paid into the treasury since July amount to \$160,900.

STOLE A PIG.

Negro Kidnapped and Carried Across Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RRISTOL, VA., Dec. 14.—Richard
Weeks, a negro, stole a pig from a resident of Bristol, Tenn., a few days ago
The officers were about to get possession
of Weeks, who has a reputation as a
persistent thief, when he fied to Bristol,
Va. In this latter town he was arrested
on a fugitive warrant, to be held for the Va. In this latter town he was arrested on a fugitive warrant, to be held for the Tennessee authorities. Weeks was locked up, but would not agree to go to Tennessee without requisition. When night came on Weeks found himself confronted by a party of kidnappers, who took him from prison and hurried him across the line into Tennessee. Scarcely had he crossel the line when he was selzed by Tennessee officers, who made no inquiries as to how he happened to have been so uncoromen tously ushered into Tennessee. Weeks will now be tried for the theft of the Tennesseean's pig.

Dwelling Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ONANCOCK, VA., Dec. 14.—The dwolling at the corner of Main and Hill Streets, owned by Mrs. Charles S. Finney, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night. The large store house of Mr. William T. Winder, on the opposite side of the street, was thought to be in danger at one time, but effective work by the fire department prevented the spread of the flames. Loss, \$500; no in-

THE GREAT OF FARMERS DIFFERENCE

Apparel and that of other stores is the outcome of greater and better facilities for good clothes making skilfully employed. There is more character in a Burk Tailored Suit or Overcoat, more quality, style and vast-ly superior workmanship than ever to obtain at a corresponding outlay elsewhere, and the reason is plain. You are on the ground floor when purchase the Burk Clothing. From maker direct to wearer is the propo-

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The old officers of the Produce Ex-change were re-elected with the excepchange were re-elected with the exception of traveling salesman, and that position was abolished. The business of the year aggregated one million, five hundred thousand dollars. The officers are: Senator Benjamin T. Gunter, president; William A. Burton, general manager; A. J. McMath, secretary and treasurer. Through the efforts of Representative william A. Jones, the Eastern house on Chincoteague Island has been re-established.

Rev. Dr. J. Lloyd, of Lynchburg, is

lished.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lloyd, of Lynchburg, is conducting a mission in the Church of the Holy Trinity. The congregations have stendily increased, and general satisfaction is expressed at the work being

THE LAPSLEY VICTIM.

Memorial Service in Honor of Rev. H. C. Slaymaker.

Rev. H. C. Slaymaker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 14.—Services were held in the Second Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon in honor of Rev. Henry C. Slaymaker, the young missionary who was drowned in the Congo River by the capsizing of the mission steamer, Samuel N. Lapsley. The services were joined in by all the Protestant churches of the city.

Rev. Dr. Frank J. Brooke, the pastor of the church, delivered an address concerning the life and character of the young missionary, and Rev. Dr. Morrison; of Nashville, Tenn, missionary to the Congo Free State, made an address, in which he stated the work of the mission and urged the raising of funds for the continuation of the Lapsley, a steamer, he stated, being absolutely necessary to the continuation of the station.

After the services were over a collection was taken for this purpose, and it was intimated that upon the rebuilding of the boat she would be called the "Lapsley-Slaymaker," or something similar, commemorating the brave young main of this city who lost his life in the ill-fated steamer.

FARMERS MEET

Listen to an Address Urging Diversity of Crops.

Diversity of Crops.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EURISKA MILLS, VA., Dec. 14.—A mass meeting of the farmers of Charlotte county was held at Charlotte Courthouse Saturday for the purpose of organizing a tobacco growers protective association. Colonel John S. Cunningham, of North Carolina, was present by invitation and, being introduced by Major R. V. Gaines in a most felicitous manner, reade an unusually strong address, giving the farmers good advice, urging them to diversify crops, to rabse all their supplies, and above all to organize and stand to prices for their produce, especially tobactory of the control of the county of the co

IRON BRIDGE FALLS.

Span Precipitated to the River Fifty Feet Below.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FRONT ROYAL, VA., Dec. 14.—A span
of the new iron bridge across the Shenandoah River at Carson's Ford, south
of town, which is being erected by the
Virginia Bridge Company, of Reanoke,
Va., broke from its fastenings and was
precipitated into the river, fifty feet
below.

below.

The span was completed on Saturday and late in the afternoon was swung free of all false work. A slight wind was blowing all night, which it is thought caused a large truck which was on the bridge loaded with iron to vibrate, caustic the state of the caustic which was on the bridge loaded with iron to vibrate, caustic was the state of the state o

Had this fearful accident happened any spread of the flames. Loss, \$500; no insurance.

Luther Nottingham, son of Mr. Arthur M. Nottingham, who was brought from Washington and Lee University seven Loss to the company, \$1,000.

TOUR OF THE SEABOARD

Officers and New Directors Spend Two Weeks in Inspecting the Line.

THE TRAIN SERVICE GOOD

Scaboard to be Maintained and Run as an Absolutely Independent System.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 14.—President John Skelton Williams, of the Scabourd Air Line Railway, arrived in Norfolk tonight with Mr. James A. Blair, of the banking house of Blair and Company, New York, a member of the Executive Committee of the Scaboard, and Vice-President and General Manager Barr and other officials, Mr. Williams said:

"The past two weeks we have spent in inspecting the property of the Seaboard Air Line Railway with several of our new directors from Richmond to the extreme southern portion of Fiorida, and from Birmingham, Alabama, to Norfolk and Portsmouth. Among the places that have been visited by our party on this trip are: Richmond, Va., Wilmington, Durham and Charlotte, N. C., Combla, S. C., Savannah and Altani, Ga., Jacksonville, Fernandina, Tampa, Manatee and Sarnsota, Fla., and Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. The physical condition of the system from one end to the other shows marked improvement. Our facilities everywhere are being increased to meet the uninterrupted growth in traffic.

TRAIN SERVICE. "The past two weeks we have spent

growth in traffic.

TRAIN SERVICE.

Notwithstanding the heavy movement of tonnage, our train service at the present time is better than it has ever been, both as to speed and regularity, and it has been very gratifying to hear all along the line the compilmentary expressions of shippers and their satisfaction at the manner in which their business is boing handled. During the past ten years I have never seen conditions in the South as bright and prosperous as they are at the present time. The country banks have lerger deposits than they ever had; day before yesterday we visited one county in North Carolina, where bank deposits have increased within a year from \$500,000 to \$700,000. This may be said to be true to a greater or less extent of the entire territory through which we traveled, and is a good index of the wonderful prosperity which the South is now enjoying. If the earnings of the Scaboard system for the next twelve months should continue to increase as they are doing at the present time, we will run \$1,000,000 ahead of the best year in the company's history." TRAIN SERVICE.

INDEPENDENT SYSTEM. Mr. Blair concurred in the views gen-erally expressed by Mr. Williams, and

"The Scaboard will be maintained and

erally expressed by Mr. Whilams, and said:

The Scaboard will be maintained and run as an absolutely independent system, and no raliroad company has any interest whatsoever in it. It is the intention of myself and my associates, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Coolidge, to co-operate with Mr. Williams in building up the Scaboard Air Line system, and the communities which it serves, as we are believers both in the Scaboard system and in the South."

"I have been going for the past fourteen days over the property of the Seaboard Air Line with a view to making myself familiar with it. and to look into its present and future requirements, so I could familiarize myself with any matter coming before the board with reference to the property. I found the property greatly improved and in good shape.

GREAT PROSPERITY.

"In my travels through the Southern States I also found evidences of great prosperity. Business was good and every-body seemed to be prosperous, happy and contented on account of the good prices which they have been receiving for their crops, which have brought a larger amount of money into the Southern States. I saw no evidence of declining business; on the contrary, the outlook for business in the South never was better. This is true especially of the Seaboard Air Line, and I have no doubt is true also of the other lines. I covered in the neighborhood of three thousand and five hundred miles, and this was the universal opinion of people with whom I talked, and from what I can see the future of the South propers to be very bright and of continued prosperity." South appears to be very bright and of continued prosperity."

FANCHON THE CRICKETT. KILLED BY AN Well in the Drama.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HOLLINS, VA., Dec. 14.—To-night in
the Hollins Chapel the Euclian Literary
Society presented "Fanchon, The Cricket." The following was the cast of char-

eters:

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Fanchon, her original character, Miss Fanchon, her original character, Miss Mary Wortham, Texas; Father Barbeaud, a rich farmer, R. Baxter, North Carolina; Landry, Didier, twin brohers, L. Smith, Texas; R. Satterfield, Richmond, Va.; Elienne, B. Barclay, Texas; Pierre, B. M. Denman, Texas; Colin, Miss Witt, Richmon, Va.; Father Calllard, Brent Witt, Richmond, Va.; Martineau, L. A. Clark-son, Florida; Old Fadet, Miss Mary Louise Whenryson, Massachusetis: Mather Barson, Fordin, Massachusetts; Mother Bar-beaud, Miss Lily M. West, Richmond, Va.; Madelon, Miss Mary Stuart Cocke, Roa-loke, Va.; Mariotte, Miss Helen Boone, Mississippi; Susette, Miss Jensy Loop, Mis-nessee; Manon, Miss Annie Clarkson, Florida; Annette, Miss Lallie Lee Carpen-

ter, Virginia.

The play was in every way a great success, and, while all the actors did well,



Miss Satterfield, of Reinhold, was de-cidedly the best actor on the stage. Recently protracted meetings have been held at Evon Baptist Church and Trinity Methodist Church. At the former church Rev. George Braxton Taylor, the pastor. did the preaching, and at the latter Rev. Mr. L. S. Rudasili, of Roanoke. For a number of atternoons services were also conducted in the Hollins Chapel, by Dr. Taylor. All of these services have been well attended, and it is believed that great good has been done.

Next week a large number of the Hollins girls will go home for the Christmus holidays.

FIRES IN AMHERST.

Residence of Mr. Charles Phillips and Contents Destroyed

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AMHERST VA., Dec. 14.—Mr. Charles
Phillips, a thrifty farmer of the Pleasant
View neighborhood, had his dwelling house
and contents burned last week, the menand contents burned last week, the members of his family barely making their escape in their night clothes, it is thought the house took fire from sparks which escaped from the chimney and fell on the shingle roof. Mr. Phillips' house was well furnished and he had recently gotten in a nice new plane. All of the clothing because where the complete and seventy fermine and seventy for longing to the family and seventy-five

longing to the family and seventy-five dollars in currency was burned. It is reported that there was no insurance on the building or contents.

This morning about 4 o'clock, there was a considerable blaze at Amherst Depot, caused by the burning of a box car loaded with cross ties. The ties had been recently set in on the siding by the railroad

cently set in on the siding by the railroad company for the purpose of extending or increasing their room at this place. It is thought that the car was set on fire by tramps who stopped at the depot during the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Dearborn, whose hom eare in Philadelphia, have been in Amherst for several weeks on a visit to their father, Mr. George W. Dearborn, and since Mrs. Dearborn has been here she contracted pneumonia. Her condition is much improved to-day.

Mr. John T. Ellis, a native of this country, and for many years a prominent merchant of this town, but now a traveling salesman for a large western manufacturing concern, is here-this week on a visit to be mother? Hills size. Mr. Ellis

turing concern, is hero this week on visit to his mother and sister. Mr. Elli makes his headquarters at Bloomington

The remains of Mr. Phillip J. Wright, The remains of Mr. Fmilip. Wight, was brought here on Saturday and interred in Amherst Cemetery by the side of his brother, Mr. John Wright, who was for many years sheriff of Richmond, and other members of his family.

LOUISA COURT.

McClaren Indicted for Shooting His Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISA, VA. Dec. H.—The grand jury
found a true bill against W. F. McClaren
to-day for shooting his wife the first day
of December with intent to kill, and his
trial was set for the fourth day of the
January term of the County Court.
Mrs. McClaren, it is believed, will recover.

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The jury failed to find against Harrison White a colored preacher of local fame Thite a colored preacher of local tame ho was charged with arison, near Brian "The Louisa Citizens' Bank" will occu-y temporarily the Circuit Court elerk's thes. which was rented for that purpose

office, which was rented for that purpose to-day,

E. M. Crank, vice-president of the bank, bought to-day the house and jot on Main Street now occupied by the "Louisa Enerprise," It was surmised that he bought the postoffice site for his bank, but he discialing any such intentions.

An unusually large crowd was in attendance at court to-day, and the number of norses offered for sale was unprucedented, but they were of a poor class and did not find ready buyers.

UNLOADED MUSKET

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., Dec. 14.—Willis Willis, the fourteen-year-old son of Robert
Willis, a respectable colored farmer living a few miles below here, met with a
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past evening.

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Picking up an old musket, kept on the premises to shoot crows, and which was supposed to be unloaded, the boy placed a cap on the tube and exploded it without the wenpon firing. In endeavoring to clear the gun by blowing down the barrel, he placed his mouth to the muzzle just in time to catch the entire charge, which blow the frontal bone of his skull into a jelly and killed him instantly.

Dr. S. G. Cooke, the physician who was called in to see the unfortunate boy, stated that there could not possibly have been any shot in the firearm, as there was none found in the wound. His verdict is that the boy's head was literally torn to a jelly by the charge of powder.

GOT LITTLE LOOT.

Burglars Break Into Store and Rob Safe.

Rob Safe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, YA., Dec. 14.—Sorge time
Saturday night or early Sunday morning
darrett's store at Windsor, Ya., was
lobbed.

The iron safe and cash drawers were
riffed. Less than \$20 in cash was secured,
for Mr. Barrett had taken most of his
noney away Saturday night, leaving the
safe unlocked.

Two shotguns taken to-day were found
where they had been hidden, under a peanut factory. The thieves escaped.
While attempting to break hot Stephen
Saunders' store, near Sout's factory. Isle
of Wight county. Ya., Shuday night, un
bucksnot by Mr. Saunders, The data fell
to the ground mitter aross and escaped
if the darness. There was loft a trail
of bits and the same store was robbed a
week ago.

of blood. The same week ago.

As the result of blood poison, caused from a scrutch sustained when opening a fruit can. W. J. Allmond, keeper of Cedar Hill Cemetry, died Sunday. The nuneral took place this afternoon from the Baptist Church.

Petition in Bankruptcy. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.),
DANVILLE, YA., Dec. 14.—Mr. J. L.,
Pairo, proprietor of the Danville Wagon
Manufacturing Company, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the
clerk's office of the United States District Court. The assets amount to \$12,
786.5, He owes \$10,772.86.

SAYS HANNA

Mr. Bowden Thinks Ohio Senator Does Not Want to be President.

A SUIT FOR BIG DAMAGES

Captain Craig Will Say Nothing of Charges of Cruelty Preferred Against Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 14.—National Committeeman Bowden has returned from the meeting of the Republican National Committee. He asserts that the Hanna boom has not the sanction of the senator himself, and that the entire matter will drop before any action is necessary.

Captain, J. G. Craig, captain of the Norfolk navy yard, was seen this afterneon on the subject of the charges of crucity preferred against him by Morgan Josephs, a fireman in the navy, in a suit for \$25,000. The captain said that he knew nothing of the matter and could not make any statement whatsoever con-

for \$25,000. The captain said that he knew nothing of the matter and could not make any statement whatsoever concerning the charges.

POLL TAX.

The treasurers of the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, who closed up their offices at midnight on Saturday, leaving some hundreds of voters off the rolls, were rather taken aback this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to learn that the Attorney-General's decision was that the Richmond idea of holding open until to-day was correct. The tax fell due yestorday, and it was simply the application of a banking rule, that paper due on Sunday is payable on Monday. What legal action will result is unknown. The Portsmouth treasurer promptly announced that he would remain in his office to-night to receive poll taxes.

The Norfolk County Water Company to-day subscribed \$5,000 to the stock of the Jamestown Exposition. It is believed by the exposition managers that the meeting with the transportation interest in Washington next Friday will, beyond a doubt, make the exposition a certainty.

TRIED TO WRECK TRAIN

Negro Caught in Act of Disjointing Rails.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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BOYDTON, VA., Dec. 14.—Arthur Lee, a young negro, was brought here Saturday and lodged in Jali, under the charge of attempting to wrock the trains of the Southern Railroad. Lee was caught in the act. He had a monkey wrench and crow bar at work, taking off the plates which couple the iron rails on a bridge mear Jeffrees Junction. He told the janitor of the jall since getting here that there were two others implicated with him in his dastardly work, but he refused to divulge their names. The officers of the railroad say that he made another attempt to wreck the trains on Thanksgiving Day. He gives as a reason for his conduct that he has been badly treated by the Southern Railroad; that his check was garnisheed by some one that he owed and that the railroad held his money for the party, and that he sought revenge in this way.

The rectory of the Episcopal Church in this place is nearly completed. Mrs. Stringfollow, wife of the rector, who has been away for several months awaiting the completion of her home, returned here Saturday.

There have been about sixty licenses issued to non-resident hunters in Meckienburg under the new act of the Legislature, imposing a tax upon such hunters. They do not seem to complain of the tax.

WEARS THE ERMINE.

Judge Lawrence P. Pool Holds His First Term of Court,

His First Term of Court,

(Beeclal to The Times-Dispatch.)

(HESTERFIELD, VA. Dec 14—Judge
Lawrence P. Pool, who we weeks age
was appointed to success Judge of Villam

1. Clopton as judge of the County Court
of Chesterfield count; today had his inital experience in the judiciary realm,
which is to contil the consolidation of the
County and Circuit Courts, in February
the new regime court will be held
on the second Monday of every alternarive manth, except that there will be nofourt during the months of July and August and December and January, making
twe terms for the year.

The statute passed on last Thurslay,
cfficers shall quality for office before the
under the county Court to-day of much
work that had been contemplated as likely
to consume a great part of the Service
This afternoon the case says them
Lee, colored, charged with each of a "locus"
colored preacher, of the defendant in the

or Minerva Curry, daughter of a "lous" colored preacher, of the Methods persual sion, was taken up. The defendant in the case, who is a married man, was charged with having persuaded the young girl from her home, in this county, to take up her abode at his domicile, in the cunty of Brunswick.

Sheriff Gill has summoned the jury for the trial of Walter Vaden for the marder of Robert S. Webster for next Monday. The jurymen have been summoned large, by from Bermuda district, the tragedy to be dealt with having taken place on the opposite side of the county, near the Appelmantox River.

Indictments Found.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 14—
A special grand jury to-day indicted George Balley, a his Green, for house burning, and sufficient of the stealing a row belonging to Mr. A. Brooks, of this otty. The trial of Balley Judge William H. Mann will speak here to-morrow night in the interest of local

Resignation Accepted.

main here until February.

THE DELINEATOR FOR JANUARY.
A number of pages of the January Delineator are devoted to a description of Parsifal, Wagner's great music drama, which is soon to be produced at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City. The illustrations are remarkable, as they are made from photographs never before published. W. J. Henderson's interpretation of the theme of the opera is very enlightening, and the personal reminiscences of the first performance at Bayreuth, by Gustav Kobie, are no less interesting. Jack London, author of "The Call of the Wild," contributes a delightful story, and there is also a clever tale by Kathryn Jarboe, and the fourth instalment of "The Evolution of a Club Woman," by Agnes Surbridge. Another feature is the introductory paper of "The Fountin of Youth," a strikinsly illustrated series on personal beauty. In addition there is a charming display of winter fashions and reliable fashion information, including a letter from Mrs. Osporn, the foremest modiste in America; house building and house furnishing ideas; entertaining stories and pastimes for obliders, and matters of interest to we, men of all ages.



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agent of the company, or, C. S. CAMPBELL, Division Passenger Agent, 838 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

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Leave Washington 4:55 P. M. daily, due to arrive Richmond 3:50 P. M.

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W. P. TAYLOR,

Traffic Manager, reasonable prices. W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager,

SPECIAL RATES VIA SEABOARD AIR

Account Southern Educational Association, Atlanta, Ga., December 29, 1903, January 1, 1904.

On account of the above occasion the Seuboard will sell tickets from all stations on its lines to Atlanta and return at rate of one fare, plus \$2.25, which includes membership fee. Tickets on sale December 29th, final limit January 3, 1904. For tickets and other information, apply to the undersigned.

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To the undersigned.

District Passenger Agent,

Phone 46.

To Teachers and Pupils, Schools and
Colleges.

The Southern Rullway will sell special tickets to teachers and pupils of colleges and schools presenting certificates December 16th to 22d, inclusive, with return limit Januay 8th, account Christmas holidays, at rate of one and one-third first-class fares, plus twenty-five cents. CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY

Christmas Holiday Rates.

Holiday excursion tickets will be sold to the public on December 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 39th, 39th, 39th Jan ary 1st at one and an and an ary 1st at one and an and one-third fare plus twenty-dive cents to Southeastern Passenger Association territory, limited to January 4th.

To students and teachers going home for the holidays, on presenting and surrendering to agent, certificate of president, principal or superintendent of institution, the holiday tickets will be sold on December 18th to 24th, and limited for return to January 5th.

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